

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2016 Budget Workshop
Wednesday, October 28th, 2015
5:00 pm at the Town Hall
Approved Minutes

Present: Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, John Carlson, Michael Childers, Mike Starck
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne, Kristian Larsen

1. Call to order: at 5:00pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Roads: Foreman Kristian Larsen presented the budget. Discussion began with K. Larsen's goals for roads as general upkeep, possible staffing changes looking to the future at Evan's retirement and the addition of a new full time roads/parks position (to start in April). Also discussed the need for reliable equipment and the Capital Equipment Plan. K. Larsen believes he and the crew need to improve their safety standards and practices. Budget discussion included removing the proposed budget for Evan's Replacement as his retirement will not occur until 2017. Bigger issues are labor costs. Four full time positions budgeted for. Some raises include Mechanic A. Hage to \$23.00 and Foreman Larsen up to \$25.00. Other areas discussed are that Equipment repair costs are down by almost half due to Mechanic Hage fixing a lot of things last year, Rice Street extension can be removed from budget for now, in 2016 more roads labor will be billed to other departments to keep better track of hours, maintenance, and labor. It was noted that there is \$9700 for the TV 145 tractor that needs to be added to the airport budget, a new two ton truck is budgeted for as a high priority, with other vehicles getting older and in need of replacement in the upcoming years. Fee schedule changes proposed include changing the extended parking permit for town lots to a \$50 monthly fee instead of a daily fee, and changing the Non-motorized vessel impound fee of \$75 to a \$50 hauling fee and a \$10/ day fee after that.

B. Parks & Recreation: Foreman Kristian Larsen presented the budget. Parks goals are to maintain them well, like a golf course, to begin the memorial benches, the staffing change of adding a parks/ roads full time position to begin in April (which may reduce hours of some part time positions), looking into grants available for updates at Joni's Beach, and the need for more bathroom facilities. Expenditures up due to beautification, trash pickup and time spent at MRF sorting, bathroom issues, and general maintenance. Other items discussed include revenues looking good for Big Bay Town Park, the need to seal the concrete at the Town Park Bathroom buildings, and K. Larsen going through the budget to remove some items that can wait or be reduced, like new toilets, new trash cans, gardener, porta pottys, and paving the Town Park entryways.

Recreation budget is for the Rec Center program in the summers, no changes except slight increases in wages.

Fee Schedules items discussed include increasing Non-motorized vessel permit applications and yearly fees from \$106 and \$20 to \$150 and \$25, keeping the camping fees the same, increasing the shelter rental fees from \$106 to \$125 per day.

C. Harbor/ Dock: 2016 budget similar to 2015. No big changes.

D. Winter Transportation: Also similar to 2015, with the Town contributing its 1/3 share of \$10,000 to Winter Transportation.

3. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:27pm.

Submitted by Town Clerk, Micaela Montagne.

Approved as submitted, November 10, 2015, M. Montagne